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S.B. No. 273

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to inclusion of instruction regarding police officers in the required curriculum for ninth grade public school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-20) to read as follows:

(b-20) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to include in the required curriculum for students in ninth grade instruction regarding:

(1) the role of law enforcement and the duties and responsibilities of police officers;

(2) a person's rights concerning interactions with police officers;

(3) proper behavior for civilians and police officers during interactions;

(4) laws regarding questioning and detention by police officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of identity to a police officer, and the consequences for a person's or officer's failure to comply with those laws; and

(5) how and where to file a complaint against a police officer.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.